

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He was also a member of the Alabama Wildlife Federation for many years and was both a member of the board of directors and past president of that organization. In 1964, he was recognized for his tremendous efforts in the field of conservation when he was awarded the Governor's Conservation Award by then-Governor George C. Wallace.

In the midst of his busy professional schedule, Mr. Stimpson also found time to serve in many community organizations and on several boards of directors. He was a member of the board of Mobile Infirmary for 25 years; he served for 20 years as a past chairman, president, and member of the St. Paul's Episcopal School board of trustees; and was a vestryman at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout South Alabama. Mr. Stimpson will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Nedra Greer Stimpson; his children, Nedra Stimpson Crosby, John L. Stimpson, Ben C. Stimpson, Jr., Mary Stimpson Turner, and Greer Stimpson Stephens; his brother, William Herbert Stimpson; and 16 grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY LEADERS KENNETH AND MARY ANN SHAW

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw, Ph.D., and Associate to the Chancellor, Mary Ann Shaw, M.S. Both Dr. and Mrs. Shaw are retiring administrators at Syracuse University and active members of the central New York community.

Kenneth A. Shaw has served as chancellor of Syracuse University with great honor since 1991. Prior to coming to Syracuse, Chancellor Shaw presided over the 26-campus University of Wisconsin system that serves more than 160,000 students. In addition, Dr. Shaw was chancellor of the Southern Illinois University system from 1979 to 1986, president of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville from 1977 to 1979, and vice president and dean of Towson State University from 1969 to 1977.

Dr. Shaw is the recipient of honorary degrees from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 2002; Purdue University, 1990; Illinois State University, 1987; Illinois College, 1986; and Towson State University, 1979. He was also awarded the NCAA's Silver Anniversary Award in 1986 and received the Advancement and Support of Education's District II Chief Executive Leadership Award.

Recently Chancellor Shaw was elected chairman of the Metropolitan Development Association, a regional development, planning, and research organization including a 12-county area in upstate New York. In retirement, Chancellor Shaw plans on taking a more active role with the association.

Mary Ann Shaw is the associate of the chancellor of Syracuse University and has

held this position since 1991. At Syracuse University she works closely with the Office of Institutional Advancement and assists her husband, Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw.

During her tenure as associate, Mrs. Shaw has helped found and direct the University's Center for Public and Community Service, which promotes public and community service as a fundamental part of the teaching and learning experience. Mrs. Shaw was an original founder of the Syracuse University Literacy Corps, a cadre of SU students who tutor young students in local schools. Mrs. Shaw is currently the chair of the steering committee for the development of the Central New York Children's Hospital and was instrumental in the development of United Way's Success By Six. Mrs. Shaw has also been active as a member and/or officer of the following community organizations: Lifetime Healthcare, Inc., BlueCross BlueShield of Central New York, Inc., the Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area, Syracuse Stage, Syracuse Symphony, and Central New York Community Foundation.

Chancellor Shaw has long been known among the Syracuse University student body for his accessibility and visibility not only in university activities, but in everyday student life. The chancellor has demonstrated his profound commitment to the education of students in many ways; none more significant than his connection and engagement with the Syracuse University student body.

Upon hearing of the chancellor's plans to retire, the Syracuse University student newspaper, the Daily Orange, published an editorial that praised his willingness to defend the newspaper's freedom of speech and his consistent availability to answer questions and talk with the student writers. The editorial wrote that Chancellor Shaw 'recognized the importance of an independent student voice amid a university of administrative voices.'

The Shaws' dedication to the constant advancement of the resources and ideas available to students is reflected in the university's many academic achievements. Chancellor and Mrs. Shaw will leave a lasting influence on the relationship between the Syracuse community and the university. The success attained by the Shaws is attributed largely in part to their genuine concern and interest in providing an atmosphere that fosters growth and discovery.

Both Chancellor and Mrs. Shaw have made a far-reaching impact on the students and faculty of Syracuse University as well as the surrounding community. Their leadership has elevated the educational curriculum and caliber of student attending and graduating from Syracuse University. Chancellor and Mrs. Shaw have set an educational precedent that solidifies Syracuse as a top collegiate program.

On behalf of the students, faculty and community members of Syracuse, I extend my sincere gratitude for the dedication and service Chancellor Shaw and Mrs. Shaw have offered to the community. We look forward to their continued involvement in local civic and business organizations in retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LOUISE GARCIA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to pay tribute to the passing of a great woman from my district. Louise Garcia, a native of Durango, Colorado, recently passed away at the age of 85. Louise dedicated her life to improving public transportation and serving the Durango community. I am honored today to bring her contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today.

Louise will forever be remembered as a pioneer of the transportation system in Durango. She worked as both a dispatcher and a bookkeeper for the city bus and Opportunity Bus transportation systems. Louise dedicated her time, energy and even personal living space to the betterment of the city's bus system. Louise enjoyed the outdoors and often volunteered to take children camping with the local Community Action organization. Louise was also an active member of the Mother's Club and the choir at her local church.

Mr. Speaker, Louise Garcia was a dedicated woman that selflessly served her Durango community, and I am honored to pay tribute to such a generous public servant. Her lifetime of service is an incredible model for all Americans and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this difficult time of bereavement.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JUDGE PATRICIA ANN BLACKMON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon, for her significant and groundbreaking professional accomplishments, and for serving as an inspiration and role model for minority women in Cleveland, Ohio, and far beyond.

Her unwavering integrity and strong work ethics were gifts from her mother, who taught by example during her childhood in Mississippi. Blackmon was the first member of her family to attend college, graduating magna cum laude from Tougaloo College in Mississippi with a Bachelor's Degree in African American Studies, political science and history. Her quest for knowledge and personal growth led her away from her Mississippi home, north to Cleveland, to earn a law degree at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Throughout her noteworthy career as an attorney, Judge Blackmon has served as the chief prosecutor for the City of Cleveland, assistant director of Victims/Witness Program, and professor at Dyke College. Presently, Judge Blackmon holds the monumental title as the first African-American woman to preside over the Court of Appeals of Ohio. Judge Blackmon has served, and continues to serve, on many civic advisory boards. She currently serves as